## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-193-C - ORDER NO. 2004-348

JULY 21, 2004

IN RE: Application of Now Acquisition Corporation

for Approval of a Name Change from Now

Acquisition Corporation to Now Communications, Inc. d/b/a Cleartel

Communications.

) ORDER GRANTING

) MOTION FOR NAME

) CHANGE AND

) CANCELLING

) AUTHORITY OF PRIOR

) ENTITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application of Now Acquisition Corporation ("NAC" or the "Company") requesting the Commission's approval of a name change to Now Communications, Inc. d/b/a Cleartel Communications ("NOW").

Commission Order No. 2003-553 granted a transfer of assets from Now Communications, Inc. d/b/a Tel-Link ("former NOW") to NAC. The petition in that matter had been jointly filed as a result of former NOW having filed a petition for Chapter 11 reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. As a result of that filing, NAC acquired the assets of former NOW. NAC has now completed its acquisition of former NOW's assets. As required by Order No. 2003-553, dated October 2, 2003, NAC has requested cancellation of former NOW's Certificate and has petitioned the Commission to reflect the change in the Company's name to Now Communications, Inc. Additionally, the Company asks the Commission to approve the Company doing business

in South Carolina under the parent company's corporate name "Cleartel Communications." The Company has filed an application with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office changing the Company's name from "Now Acquisition Corporation" to "Now Communications, Inc." and has additionally filed notice of the trade name "Cleartel Communications" with the Richland County, South Carolina Clerk of Court's Office.

In accordance with the directive of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company published a Notice of Filing in papers of general circulation in the affected areas. The Company provided Affidavits of Publication with the Commission on June 14, 2004. No parties contacted the Commission to intervene or comment on this Application.

The Commission finds that there are sufficient facts and good cause to grant the Application of the Company in this matter. As stated in Order No. 2003-553, NAC was formed for the purpose of completing the acquisition of former NOW. The acquisition is complete, and NAC desires to change its corporate name. We further find and conclude that the Company has filed the proper notification of the requested change and that the public interest will in no way be negatively affected by the change in the Company's name. Further, we find that any authority held by the former NOW should be cancelled as that entity no longer exists. This matter is properly decided by the Commission without a formal hearing under the provisions of 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-820.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Now Acquisition Corporation is permitted to change its name to Now Communications, Inc. and further that it may do business in

South Carolina as "Cleartel Communications." The former NOW no longer holds authority to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

	<u>/s/</u>
	Randy Mitchell, Chairman
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/s/	
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman	
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